

wherein the control data is described before a timing at which the control data is desired to be controlled, and timing information which is desired to be actually controlled is added in the control data.

27. (New) A data processing system comprising:

a data decoder for decoding Standard MIDI File (SMF) data into (a) a plurality of MIDI signals for a MIDI sound source and (b) audio control data for synchronizing a plurality of audio signals other than MIDI signals with the plurality of MIDI signals.

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the above-identified application. With this Amendment, claims 17, 24, 25, and 26 were amended, claim 27 was added, and claims 1-16 and 23 were cancelled. Accordingly, claims 17-22 and 24-27 are at issue.

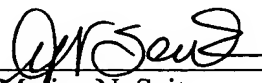
The specification has been amended to identify parent application Application No. 09/381,880, and to include a claim of priority.

Copies of the original Declaration and Power of Attorney and Revocation and Power of Attorney are submitted herewith pursuant to M.P.E.P. 201.06(c).

Applicant requests prompt and favorable consideration by the Examiner of the now pending application.

Respectfully submitted,

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